IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) A method of operating a broadcasting system (1), in which various program contents are sent to the users of the broadcasting system and specific users of the broadcasting system are at the same time assigned to specific user communities, and community-specific program contents (PI_G) are automatically selected and/or generated from a plurality of available program contents (PI) for the users of each of the different user communities, characterized in that a user is assigned to a user community on the basis of a community assignment signal (S_{GZ}) sent by the user and that certain user-specific program contents (PI_N) are automatically generated and/or selected in order to compile an individual user-specific program (NSP) for each of the individual users, and that community-specific program contents (PI_G) of a user community to which the user in question is assigned are integrated into the user-specific program (NSP).

2. (original) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that a community admission inquiry signal (S_{GA}) for a specific user community is first sent to the user and on receiving a positive response signal (S_{GZ}) the user is assigned to the user community.

3. (original) A method as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that a profile conformity value is determined on the basis of a comparison between a user profile (NP) assigned to a user and a community profile (GP) assigned to a user community and on attainment of a specific conformity threshold the community admission inquiry signal (S_{GA}) for the relevant user community is sent to the user in question.

4. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 2 ~~or 3~~, characterized in that the user behavior of a user is analyzed and the community admission inquiry signal (S_{GA}) for the relevant user community is sent to the relevant user as a function of the user behavior.

5. (currently amended) A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~claim 1, characterized in that in order to form a new user community user profiles (NP) of different users are compared with one another and/or with a provisional community profile (GP) and on the basis of this comparison users are identified whose user profiles (NP), having regard to at least one criterion, exhibit a predetermined degree of profile conformity with one another and/or with the provisional community profile (GP), and a community

admission inquiry signal (S_{GZ}) for a corresponding user community is then sent to each of the users concerned.

6. (currently amended) A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, characterized in that a new user community is formed on receiving a user community establishment signal (S_{NK}) from a user.

7. (original) A method as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that a community admission inquiry signal (S_{GA}) for a specific user community is sent to a user by a community representative (GR) or at the instigation of the community representative (GR) and/or that a user is assigned to the user community on the basis of a community assignment signal (S_{GZ}) sent from the user in question only with the prior approval of the community representative (GR).

8. (currently amended) A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, characterized in that on receiving a program content (PI_Z) sent by a user of a user community or a broadcast proposal signal assigned to a specific program content, the relevant program content (PI_Z) is integrated into the user-specific program (NSP) of at least some of the users of this user community.

9.   (currently amended)   A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~claim 1, characterized in that an assessment inquiry signal (S_{BA}) assigned to a program content (PI_R) is sent to the users of a user community who have received this specific program content (PI_R), in order to prompt the users to send assessment data (BD) for this program content (PI), and a community preference value (W_{GP}) is determined on the basis of the assessment data (BD) returned by the users.

10.   (original)   A method as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that as a function of the community preference value (W_{GP}) the relevant program content (PI_R) is integrated into the user-specific programs (NSP) of at least some of the users of the user community in question.

11.   (currently amended)   A method as claimed in ~~claims 9 or 10~~claim 9, characterized in that an assessment inquiry signal (S_{BA}) for a specific program content (PI_R) is sent to the relevant users of a user community on receiving a survey request signal (S_{UA}) from a user of this user community.

12.   (currently amended)   A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 11~~claim 1, characterized in that the community-specific

program contents (PI$_G$) pertaining to a specific user community are integrated into the user-specific program (NSP) of the user within time intervals defined by the respective user.

13. (currently amended) A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 11~~claim 1, characterized in that the community-specific program contents (PI$_G$) for a specific user community are automatically integrated into the user-specific programs (NSP) of the various users of the user community in question taking into account the time intervals defined by each of the users in such a way that these community-specific program contents are scheduled with the minimum possible time intervals between them in the user-specific programs of the individual users of the user community.

14. (original) A broadcasting system (1) having

 - a plurality of transmission channels (T$_1$ to T$_n$, K$_1$ to K$_n$) for sending program contents (PI) to terminals (N$_1$ to N$_n$, 25) of users of the broadcasting system (1),

 - a number of program content sources (5, 6, 27, 32, 33),

 - at least one user community control unit (10, 29), which assigns specific users to specific user communities,

 - and at least one program compilation unit (7, 13) for selecting and/or generating community-specific program contents

(PI_G) for each of the user communities, to which the respective

users are assigned, from a plurality of available program contents

(PI),

characterized in that the broadcasting system has means for the

entry of a community assignment signal (S_{GZ}) by the individual

users, that the user community control unit (10, 29) is designed in

such a way that a user is assigned to a user community on the basis

of a community assignment signal (S_{GZ}) sent by the user, and that

the program compilation unit (7, 13) is set up in such a way that

certain user-specific program contents (PI_N) are generated and/or

selected in order to compile individual user-specific programs

(NSP) for each of the various users, whilst community-specific

program contents (PI_G) of user communities to which the user in

question is assigned are integrated into the respective user-

specific programs (NSP).

15.   (original)   A broadcasting system as claimed in claim 14,

characterized in that the broadcasting system (1) comprises

feedback channels (R) from each of the user terminals (N_1 to N_n, 25)

to a central control unit (2, 28) of the broadcasting system (1).

16.   (original)   A broadcasting system as claimed in claim 15,

characterized in that the user community control unit (10) and/or

the program compilation unit (7) are arranged inside the central control unit (2) of the broadcasting system (1).

17. (currently amended) A broadcasting system as claimed in ~~any one of claims 14 to 16~~claim 14, characterized in that the user terminals (25) each have a user community control unit and/or a program compilation unit (13).

18. (currently amended) A broadcasting system as claimed in ~~any one of claims 14 to 17~~claim 14, characterized in that the central control unit (2, 28) of the broadcasting system (1) has means of sending system control data to a user terminal (N_1 to N_n, 25).

19. (currently amended) A broadcasting system as claimed in ~~any one of claims 14 to 18~~claim 14, characterized by means of analysis (2, 28) for compiling user profiles (NP) on the basis of user information and/or for compiling community profiles (GP) for a user community on the basis of the user profiles (NP) of the users of this user community.

20. (currently amended) A broadcasting system as claimed in ~~any one of claims 14 to 19~~claim 14, characterized by means of analysis (8, 24) for compiling contents profiles (IP) for the program

contents available, and a program content selection unit (9, 23)
for selecting program contents (PI) for a specific user on the
basis of a comparison between the contents profiles (IP) and a user
profile (NP) of the relevant user and/or a community profile (GP)
of a user community to which the user is assigned.

21.   (currently amended) A broadcasting system as claimed in ~~any
one of claims 14 to 20~~claim 14, characterized by means (18)
allowing the relevant user to predefine specific time intervals
within a user-specific program (NSP) for the community-specific
program contents (PI$_G$), and a program scheduler (4, 16), which
synchronizes the integration of community-specific program contents
(PI$_G$) into the user-specific programs (NSP) of the users of a
specific user community taking into account the time intervals
assigned by each of the individual users of the user community in
question in such a way that identical community-specific program
contents (PI$_G$) are scheduled with the minimum possible time
intervals between them in the user-specific programs (NSP) of the
various users of the user community.